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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You have given us consciences so that the beliefs, values, and truths You have worked into the fiber of our character may be worked out in the specific challenges and decisions of this day. Help us to be true to You, ourselves, and our patriotism. Give us sterling, unflinching integrity in all matters. Speak to us through our consciences. We claim the promise of Proverbs 11:3, "The integrity of the upright will guide them." Give us peace of soul when our thoughts and plans are right; conversely, disturb us when we drift from what is best.

Thank You for this new day. Show us each step of the way. Guide us in all we do and say. You are the Potter, we are the clay. We want to do Your will without delay. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Good morning, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on Monday a good deal of work was done and the predicate was laid for a number of bills to be considered this week. We will begin the morning with morning business until 10 a.m. I observe that there are at least a couple of Senators who wish to take advantage of that.

Following morning business, Senator D'AMATO will be recognized to introduce a bill regarding patient care for breast cancer. It is hoped that a short

time agreement can be reached with the D'Amato bill.

At 11 a.m., under a previous order the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the agriculture research conference report. The time until 12:10 will be divided among several Members for debate on that conference report. Following that debate, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the National Science Foundation reauthorization bill, again under a short time agreement. A rollcall vote will occur on passage of that bill, the National Science Foundation reauthorization, at approximately 12:15 or so. Therefore Members should be aware that the first vote of today's session will occur at 12:15. Then the Senate will recess after that vote for the weekly policy caucuses.

When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, Senator GRAMM of Texas will be recognized to move to recommit the agriculture research conference report. There will be 1 hour of debate equally divided on the motion. At the conclusion of that debate, the Senate will proceed to vote on or in relation to the motion. Following the vote, it is hoped that a short time agreement can be reached with respect to the agriculture research conference report. Any of several high-tech bills or other legislative or executive items also may be taken up today, if they can be cleared.

I did have a good conversation late on Monday afternoon with Senator DASCHLE. I believe we are going to be able to clear at least three of those high-tech bills. All of them are broadly supported and I believe will have an overwhelming vote once we get to a vote. I won't list them now, but we will make some further announcement on that later on today.

Finally, as a reminder to all Members, a cloture vote will occur on Wednesday on the motion to proceed to the missile defense bill. Senator COCHRAN handled this debate on the floor on Monday. He has done excellent work on

this bill. This is something we should do for the defense of our country. The American people, I find, when I go around and talk about missile defense, are shocked to learn that we don't have a National Missile Defense System in place. So this bill is very important, I believe. I appreciate the work that has been done by my colleague from Mississippi.

The next 2 weeks obviously will be extremely busy as Members attempt to complete action on several important pieces of legislation. There are a number of conferences that we hope to have completed and voted on before the Memorial Day recess, including the ISTEA II, the highway transportation bill, the education conference report, the IRS reform and restructuring conference report. We also have a vote already agreed to with regard to Russia-Iran missile technology transfer, which is a continuing concern. Progress is not being made sufficiently, and I do expect that there will be a vote on this before the end of the next week.

There are a number of other very important bills now that Members are getting cleared through committees or that Members are seeking to have voted on. We will try to schedule as many of those as we can. Obviously, we will need the cooperation of all Members as we try to get through this process before the end of the May recess for Memorial Day.

I again emphasize we do have probably three high-tech bills that we have cleared: we have the agriculture conference report, we have the missile defense bill that Senator COCHRAN has been working on, and the National Science Foundation reauthorization bill. And we are going to try to clear some Executive Calendar nominations, too.

So, again, thank you for your cooperation. These are all very important

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